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WEST VIRGINIA BULLETIN NO: WV250-7-6

SUBJECT: FNM-Budget

Purpose: To provide the status of Technical Assistance funds and provide guidance to personnel for the rest of the fiscal year

Expiration Date: September 30, 2007

NRCS - West Virginia has recently received final budget allocations for FY-2007 that will allow a balanced budget. However, a review of the numbers and a comparison to how we are charging our time shows salary charges to some program funds are seriously undercharged, while other funds are nearing deficit levels. This is not unexpected for states in a deficit situation and we will now need to adjust our activities and as a result, our salary budget, to correctly obligate the funds received.

With 75% of the year behind us:

- We have obligated 89% of Conservation Technical Assistance funds.
- We have obligated 78% of Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds.
- We have obligated 65% of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) funds.
- We have obligated 96% of Wildlife Habitat Incentives Program (WHIP) funds..
- We have obligated 10% of Agriculture Management Assistance (AMA) funds.
- We have obligated 67% of Soil Survey funds.
- We have obligated 75% of RC&D funds.

The following funds have only small amounts available even though they may have large percentages available. Please work with your supervisor before working on and charging to these activities:

- We have obligated 28% of Wetland Reserve Program (WRP) funds.
- We have obligated 41% of our Conservation Security Program (CSP) funds.
- We have obligated 36% of Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) funds.
- We have obligated 45 % of Farm and Ranchland Protection Program (FRPP) funds.
- We have obligated 75% of Plant Materials Program funds.

It is important to work closely with your supervising management team member to receive clarification on which activities should be your priority. With all of us working together, WV NRCS will survive the present budget situation.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact your supervisor or Charlotte Elliott-Friend, SAO, at 284-4247.

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